Creating positive orientation towards life

1996. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are emphasizing on giving a creative orientation to one's capability and inculcating a positive outlook towards life among the students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress achieved in this direction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) It has been the concern of University Grants Commission (UGC) to evelop potential and inculcate a positive attitude among students. They are implementing the following schemes by providing grants to eligible Universities/Colleges during 10th Plan Period:

I. Promotion of Ethics and Human Values

The main objectives are as follows:

(i) to create awareness, conviction & commitment to values for improving the quality of life through education and for advancing social and human well being;

(ii) to encourage universities and colleges to undertake academic and other activities pertaining to teaching, research and extension programmes i*n* respect of values and culture like extramural lectures, seminars, conferences, workshops and orientation programmes for teachers and students;

(iii) to encourage universities to undertake preparation and production of requisite material including books, handbooks, journals, teaching materials, video CD and films relating to values.

II. Promotion of Yoga Education and Practice & Positive Health in Universities

The basic objective of the scheme is no impart special education in various areas like Yoga, Positive Health, Career and Personality Development etc. for the overall development of students, teachers and non-teaching staff of universities. Financial assistance is provided to the universities for organizing 3-5 days awareness programmes by inviting guest speakers/experts etc.